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Seems the kids have just got back to school after spring break and it won't be long before they will be screaming 'School's Out!' for the summer. This fact certainly got me thinking about old school pictures.

SCHOOL'S OUT!

It wasn't long ago that I found my school year books. Had a giggle as I went through them and shipped them off to the Whitby Library & Archives, to be enjoyed by others in the years to come. I didn't go to school here and only took Gr 12 in Haliburton County.

I'm putting together a display for *Irondale's Museum* and welcome you to share your photos. We won't keep them if you don't want us to. They can be scanned and given back. All donations will be acknowledged at the display. Contact Carol for more info.

No Kidding: We Have No Idea How April Fools' Day Started

Another theory—check it out with Google

This was an actual headline I found while searching the internet for the history behind April Fools Day.

The what of April Fools' Day is pretty clear—a time for pranks—for better or for worse. But the why is a mystery. Though many holidays have cloudy origins, the history of April Fools' Day is particularly blurry, as there are several competing claims for the invention.

Reportedly there hasn't been a Biblical scholar or historian known to have mentioned a relationship, though some have the belief that the origins of April Fool's Day may go back to the story of Noah and the Flood in the Bible. "The London *Public Advertiser* of March 13, 1769, printed: *"The mistake of Noah sending the dove out of the ark before the water had abated, on the first day of April, and to perpetuate the memory of this deliverance it was thought proper, whoever forgot so remarkable a circumstance, to punish them by sending them upon some errand similar to that ineffectual message upon which the bird was sent by the patriarch".*

There's also speculation that April Fools' Day was tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather. Looking out the window and I'm putting this story together - this idea could very well have some merit. Friday March 29 was a gorgeous spring day - Saturday & Sunday March 30/31 brought 6 inches of fresh snow to the County.

Whatever the reason for April Fools Day—hope yours has been pleasant and safe.

Have YOU noticed the various adverts in this issue? We are now taking business card sized ads in an attempt to off set the newsletter printing & postage .

We have over 566 addresses on our mailing list.

Want to participate? call/text Carol 705-457-8438
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Massey Hall In the News

Agriculture machinery magnate Hart Massey commissioned a facility for "musical and other entertainments" in 1889, to memorialize the death of his son.

In January 1884, Charles Albert Massey, son of Hart and Eliza Ann Massey, was stricken with what appeared at first to be a severe cold, but quickly developed into typhoid. He died Feb. 12, age 36, leaving a wife & 5 children.

"When the Massey Hall opened its doors 125 years ago (1894) visitors were awestruck by the choral music venue's spectacular stained glass windows", says restoration expert Eve Guinan.

Some report over 100 stained glass windows in the building. 93 of these have been boarded over in the early half of the 20th century—necessary to muffle the noise from the streets. From the outside—many did not know the stained glass existed. Ceiling paint had been applied to keep the sunlight from shining through. Years of grime and plywood had hid the windows.

In the summer of 2018 the Massey Hall closed for two years while restoration takes place.

Features that we have come to recognize, that were not in the original plans ...

- zigzagging staircases were added in 1911, will not be replaced
- red and black motif was added in 1933—the original colour scheme included shades of terracotta, salmon pink, saffron yellow and a shade of blue-green... the ceiling was never white—but a salmon pink to match the walls
- smoking lounge (now the upper bar) was also added in 1933
- current seating added in 1948

When Massey Hall opened its doors 125 years ago, sunlight would have poured through its beautiful stained glass windows. Here is one that has been restored. (Paul Smith/CBC)

More can be learned by visiting these websites -

www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/music-massey-hall-stained-glass-windows-restoration-1.5090734

http://urbantoronto.ca/news/2013/05/massey-hall-past-present-and-proposed-future

https://torontostoreys.com/2018/11/massey-hall-renovation/

https://www.masseyhall.com/revitalization/about-the-massey-hall-revitalization/heritage-restoration/massey-hall-facts/legends-of-massey-hall/massey-myths/

Tho' we don't have stained glass in Irondale, our history is just as important.

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Answers for **Wacky Canadian Laws** as posted in last issue ...

In Ontario it is illegal to
- skinny dip *Bancroft*
- drag a dead horse down Yonge Street on a Sunday *Toronto*
- yell, shout, hoot, whistle, or sing *Petrolia*
- purple garage doors are illegal *Kanata*
- have more than 3.5 inches of water in a bathtub *Etobicoke*
- eat ice cream on Bank Street on Sundays *Ottawa*
- have an Internet connection faster than 56K *Uxbridge*
- remove your feet from your petals while bicycling *Ottawa*
- have grass on your front lawn taller than 8" *London*
- play flute, recorder, or mouth organ in a public park without a permit *Windsor*
- swim in the waters unless the area is designated with posted signs *Toronto*
- mount anything that makes noise (other than a bell or horn) to your bike *Sudbury*
- release more than 10 helium balloons once within 24 hours *Toronto*

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Donald Chemical / Wood Chemical / Standard Chemical Plant

The town of Donald was named for Richard Donald, who commissioned the construction of the Donald Chemical plant.

Built in 1908 by Westinghouse Engineering, it cost $1 million.

The plant manufactured wood alcohol and acetate of lime, as well as charcoal and other by-products using local timber. At some point Wood Chemical purchased the property for $1. Facing financial hardships, they sold the building to Standard Chemical in 1915.

Standard Chemical operated the property for 31 years. A devastating fire in 1946, decimated acres and acres of trees - an important commodity to keep the furnaces going. Several of the buildings there and in town were destroyed at this time.

I borrowed information and photos from the following two websites . I encourage you to investigate further ...
http://jermalism.blogspot.com/2011/11/abandonment-issues-standard-chemical.html

https://buildingbetween.ca/eco-innovation-centre/the-story-of-the-chemical
This particular website has links to three fantastic pdfs pertaining to different aspects of this buildings history and restoration plans.

Letters to the Editor:

I did "follow your instructions" and certainly did enjoy the newsletter. I don't know any of the Irondale people but you always include lots of history and little anecdotes, I find interesting. I took some time to look at the website this time and it is really well done. Great pictures and explanations about the buildings. *Heather G.*

Thanks for the great article in the Irondale newsletter. Loved the picture of all the people - family and friends .... gathering on New Years Day. *Deane S.*

I would be interested in advertising in your newsletter. Can you tell me how to go about that? *Line G.*

Cottage Cleaning suggestions? *David C.*

See advert, pg 6 for Kacaba Cottage Care.

According to an old Polish legend, a mother cat was crying at the bank of the river, her kittens were drowning. The willows at the river's edge longed to help, so they swept their long graceful branches in the waters to rescue the tiny kittens who had fallen in the river while chasing butterflies. The kittens hung on tightly to their branches and were safely brought to shore. Each springtime since, goes the legend, the willow branches sprout tiny fur-like buds at their tips where the tiny kittens once clung.

Minden Lioness
2nd Annual
Yard Sale
May 18, 2019
Calloway Storage property
11993 Hwy 35
rain date - May 19

Legion
BRANCH 129 HALIBURTON

IT All Started With An Idea - The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 129 Haliburton - The Grave Stone Project

Linda Heeps had an idea in 2018 after finding other towns had a decoration day, Haliburton did not. Some research showed the 47th Dominion Convention (Legions major governance) had received financial commitment in the government's 2018 Budget ...
over five years to cleaning, restoring, replacing of headstones, fixing foundation issues—maintaining Veteran's headstones
Plans were started to locate veteran gravesites in Haliburton. Information was gathered from a variety of sources - partial list from Paul Sisson, Ed Burk, Adele Espina, HHGG publications and township cemetery records.

To date they have located -
Evergreen Cemetery - 132 gravesites found, 9 not yet located, 7 not sure if actually buried here (37 are WWI)
St. Anthony's Cemetery - 6 gravesites found.

This is an ongoing project - should you have any information to add, please contact Linda Heeps thru the Haliburton Legion.

You can bet Haliburton will have a Decoration Day this year, and more to come.

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The Legion's definition of a Veteran

"A Veteran is any person who is serving or who has honorably served in the Canadian Armed Forces, the Commonwealth or its wartime allies, or as a Regular Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or as a Peace Officer in a Special Duty Area or on a Special Duty Operation, or who has served in the Merchant Navy or Ferry Command during wartime."

Prohibition

The **prohibition of alcohol** in Canada arose in various stages, from local municipal bans in the late 19th century, to provincial bans in the early 20th century, and national prohibition (a temporary wartime measure) from 1918 to 1920. The relatively large and powerful beer and alcohol manufacturing sector, and the huge working class that purchased their products, failed to convince any of the governments to reverse their stance on prohibition. Most provinces repealed their bans in the 1920s, though alcohol was illegal in Prince Edward Island from 1901 to 1948. By comparison the temperance act in Ontario ran from 1916 to 1927.

Canadians drank heavily during the nineteenth century. Men primarily, but also women and youth. The Upper Canadian census of 1851 recorded 1,999 taverns, or one to every 478 people. Drunkenness, fighting, domestic abuse, household impoverishment were rampant.

Prohibition was mostly spurred on by the organized crusades against social evil launched by the temperance movement. They targeted drinking establishments, which they viewed as the source of societal ills and misery. Initially, the temperance movement in Canada, which began in the 1820s, was largely concerned with the consumption of strong liquor, and beer, wine, and cider were not considered to be a significant problem. However, by the 1840s, "total abstinence" temperance societies were the norm, and all alcoholic beverages including those with lighter alcohol content, were considered dangerous. Inspired by the Maine Law of 1851, which saw legal prohibition in the state of Maine, the temperance movement in Canada shifted to the strategy of legal coercion to advance the cause of sobriety.

Interesting notes—
* Orillia ended prohibition in 1955. * The city of Owen Sound continued to outlaw liquor well into the 1970s. *Parts of west Toronto (see The Junction) did not permit liquor sales until 2000 due largely to the efforts of William Horace Temple that resulted in the ban from 1904 to 1998. *taken from wikipedia.org*

Prohibition was finally repealed in the United States - April 7, 1933 - having gone into effect in 1920.

Interesting to note - just 2 years after the lifting of prohibition, **Alcoholics Anonymous** was founded in Ohio 1935 when a couple alcoholic men got together to discuss the nature of alcoholism and a possible solution. AA is an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. Their stated purpose is to enable 'members to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety.'

Rev. Inge Stahl

Celebrate Communion with Rev. Stahl

Rev. Inge Stahl is ordained by Abba Ministries of Canada. Inge has been the part time chaplain at Strathmere Lodge, a long-term care facility in Strathroy, Ont. near London for 20 years. Inge is an elder at St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church in London and serves on the Presbytery of London Mission Team. Inge has been providing pulpit supply to vacant Presbyterian churches for 15 years, as well as officiating at funerals and weddings. She has a passion for mission work, locally and globally; and for church revival and renewal.

Rev Stahl will be conducting Sunday service with communion on Sunday June 2 at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to the heritage building affectionately known as the Irondale Church. All are welcome—come as you are - comfortably dressed. Stay for refreshments at 11.

Answers from last issue

1.

From Soup to Nuts

2.

Spill the Beans

3.

Pie in the Sky

4.

Walk on Egg Shells

5.

Apple of Ones Eye

6.

Don't Cry over Spilled Milk

Stay Tuned

watch for further details in upcoming newsletter, facebook post, the website and possible email.

Exciting event being planned

Volunteers are Crucial to all Organizations and the community of Irondale is no different. The B.L.C.D. has a volunteer board with more than 20 others that assist at events, help with fundraising, paint the 'Irondale church', garden, cut the grass and many other tasks. Because of this assistance, the level of awareness about Irondale's history has been raised and the B.L.C.D. has been able to hold onto the historic building known as the 'Irondale Church'.

"We couldn't do it without you, our volunteers," says Carol Simmons, president. We thank you from our hearts.

Dandelion Wine

1 qt. dandelion blossoms
1 lemon, sliced
2 tsp good yeast
1 gal. water
2 1/2 lbs sugar

Put all in a kettle, except yeast, and boil five minutes. Pour into a jar. When cold, add yeast. Keep in a warm place 3 days until it ferments, then strain and bottle—cork tightly.

Recipe taken from "Depression Era Recipes" by Patricia R. Wagner

Editor's note - I remember as a child picking dandelions for my grandfather. He made a lot of dandelion wine, lots of different kinds really. Granddad never drank it tho'. Guess it was the art/process of making the wine that made him happy.

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Haliburton Bank of Montreal celebrated 100 year history

The Bank of Montreal has occupied four locations since the business arrived in the town of Haliburton. Most of our readers will remember the bank as it looked in 1966 (photo bottom left). This was the third location. Today it sits in front of Foodland.

This branch has had its fair share of tragedy. To quote the Haliburton Echo article by Jenn Watt … "The Haliburton branch burned down in 1956 in the fire that took the life of fire chief Thomas Chambers. He perished in the building's basement as he worked to extinguish the blaze. In 1962, bank manager Eric McConnell was killed when a man claiming to need a loan brought a gun into the bank and shot him. Before he died, he instructed the staff to set off the bank alarm. Four years later, as the town was still recovering from McConnell's murder, another man robbed the bank – this time thwarted by a group of armed local people who surrounded his hotel room, preventing his escape until police could arrive."

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JOINT ACCOUNT

The Haliburton Museum had loaned a copy of the original newspaper that covered the story on the shooting. Made for very interesting reading.

The museum also had a half dozen posters that had been hung in the BMO branch over the years. Three of those posters can be seen here on the left. Top one mentions Continental Europe. When was the last time you heard it referred to that way? Middle mentions sending money … suggests bank drafts. Now we e-transfer. The third poster received the most attention at the opening. It suggests men could teach their wives how to do the banking because they (men) were too busy working to do it themselves.

Ontario's First Female Coroner 1950

Dr. Agnes Jamieson

Agnes Jamieson was required to achieve 10% higher than her male counterparts in medical school.

In 1935, she graduated as a doctor. During her internship at St. Joseph's Hospital in Toronto, she met Andre Lapine as a patient. The two hit it off and became lifelong friends.

(Visit the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden to learn more about Andre Lapine and to view his paintings)

In 1940, Dr. Jamieson took over Dr. Crowe's practice in Minden, Crowe joined the war effort.

Dr. Jamieson's exam table will be on display in Irondale's museum this summer. Drop in to learn more about her ties with Irondale.

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FISH & FOWL Dinner

Saturday, April 13
Gooderham Comm. Centre

An enthusiastic group of individuals attended the dinner and participated in the auctions/raffles that took place after. **Thank You** to all that donated items - hope I haven't missed anyone

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Photo: Hannah Sadlier

WE CAN ALL HELP TO 'SAVE THE BEES'

Submitted by Linda Code

Many pollinators are disappearing at an alarming rate, especially native bees (such as bumble bees and solitary bees). The use of pesticides weakens pollinators immune systems, leaving them open to diseases and parasites.

One of the first pollen rich sources in the spring is dandelions. Because of the shape and structure their pollen and nectar are especially accessible to the bee species.

When you cut your yard remember to leave the groups of wild flowers, dandelions and other 'weeds' that help our valuable pollinators.

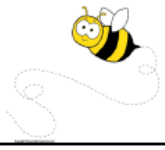
Bees & Butterflies
Help us help the Bees and Butterflies
HELP OUR SLEEPING FRIENDS
Please resist the temptation to clean up your garden until the temperatures are CONSTANTLY above 50 degrees.

Many butterflies, bees and other pollinators spend the winter hunkered down in the hollow stems of your last year's plants.

Remember: If you clean out your garden now you will be literally throwing away this year's butterflies, bees and other beneficial pollinators, before they are ready to emerge.

One suggestion is to gather small bundles of few dozen cut stems, tie with string and hang on a fence. The insects inside will emerge when the time is right. More insects, especially native bees will move in to the stems, using them as brood chambers.

OUR TINY FRIENDS
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!



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~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

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Be Sure to Check Appropriate Websites / Facebook pages to be sure event will run as planned.

2019	Unless otherwise noted - Tickets available online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438
Sat. April 20	**Wilberforce Maplefest** Event All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast and lots of shopping with the local vendor tables. 9 am to 2 pm. Watson Community Centre, in the heart of Wilberforce.
Sun. June 2	**First Church Service -** visiting Minister will conduct communion. 10 am. Come as you are. **Book Nook Opening -** 11 am to 1 pm - no charge so help yourself to refreshments, books, videos, puzzles …
Sat. June 8	**Haliburton County Fair** - Minden Fairgrounds.
Sat. June 15	**Highlands Food & Beverage Showcase** - Wintergreen Pancake Barn on Gelert Rd . 11 am to 4 pm Great opportunity to sample different foods & beverages - all from businesses within Haliburton County.
Sat. July 6 or 13	**Concert on the Lake** - Great music from the comfort of your own boat, canoe or paddleboard. Music starts at 6:30pm Check *www.sdlca.ca* for more details.
Sat. July 20	**Wild Game Dinner** - Popular dinner, held at the Galway Community Centre. Doors open 5pm, buffet at 6pm. All game served as bite size pieces, you can sample it all. Remember bring loonies for after dinner fun.
Sat July 27 Sun July 28	**Irondale's Ball Tournament** Teams vie for the coveted trophy and prizes. Great fun for the whole family. Registration info - centre@IrondaleOntario.ca Chris James 705-447-2733
Sat Aug 3 Sun Aug 4	**Salerno Devil's Lake Cottage Association's AGM and the Annual Canoe Race, BBQ and Children's Games** Check www.sdlca.ca for more details.
Sat & Sun Aug 10, 11 Aug 17,18	**Irondale Inspirations -** Two full weekends 10 am to 5 pm Visit Irondale's Historic Church to see the work of our talented local artists. The items will be for sale. Artists will be on hand to answer questions and you may actually catch one or more of them creating. Refreshments available.
Thurs to Sun Sept 18 - 22	**Hike Haliburton Weekend -** Annual Festival is the largest of its kind in Canada! There are over 70 guided hikes for all ages and abilities, featuring arts, culture, food and of course, the great outdoors! Register soon at www.hikehaliburton.com
Sat Sept 21	**Irondale's Family Harvest Festival** 11am to 4pm Vendors, BBQ, Displays, Tours—all on the property of Irondale's historical church building -- participating in the Hike Haliburton Weekend.
Sun Oct 13	**Thanksgiving**
Sat Nov 9	**Themed Dinner** held at the Irondale Community Centre. Doors open 5pm. Dinner at 5:30 pm Always popular, be sure to order tickets early. Watch for more information in future newsletters.

Christmas Craft Sales that Bark Lake Cultural Developments participates in

- *November 2 in Wilberforce Community Centre
- *November 24 in Minden Community Centre
- *end of November at Kinmount Legion
- *early December at Wilberforce Community Centre

Irondale Events are advertised in these local newspapers

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